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## Vicente Semeleer and Max Emanuels Advance To New Positions in Mechanical Department

Vicente Semeleer and Max E. Emanuels of Mechanical - M&C have become management members with their recent promotion.

Vicente, whose promotion went into effect September 1, advanced to

ring Technician October 1.

Vicente has been with the Company 30 years and celebrated this milestone on October 8. He started as an apprentice in the Lago Vocational Shool and after graduating in 1951,



M. E. Emanuels

Mechanical Supervisor in the Construction & Turnaround Zone.

Max, who is working as Contractor Coordinator in the Contract Execution Zone, was promoted to Engineer



V. Semeleer

he was assigned to Mechanical - Carpenters as a Carpenter Helper B. In 1961 he advanced to Carpenter A (this title was subsequently changed (Continued on page 5)



R. L. Seldomridge

## Robert Seldomridge Named Superintendent - Process Technical Services Sept. 12

After working four years with Esso Standard Libya, Robert L. (Bob) Seldomridge joined Lago as Division Superintendent of Process Technical Services Division in the Technical Department on September 12. In this position, Bob replaces Ray Farro who has been assigned as Head of ER&E/Lago Oil Loss Task Force.

Bob's 24 years of service in the Exxon organization have included assignments with Exxon Company U.S.A. at Baytown, at Esso Research & Engineering Company at Florham Park, and most recently, with Esso Standard Libya at Brega, where he was Superintendent of the Process Engineering Division of the Technical & Construction Department.

A 1953 B.S. graduate in Chemical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology, Bob also attended an Advanced Chemical Engineering program at the University of (Continued on page 2)

## Lago Un Bez Mas na Promer Lugar den Seguridad Pa 1976 den Concurso National Safety Council

Un bez mas Lago ta sali victorioso den e concurso pa seguridad durante 1976. Tal exito ta ser atribuí na esfuerzonan di tur empleadonan y e programa di seguridad cu Compania ta sostene.

Esaki ta di dos bez tras di otro cu Lago ta ocupa promer lugar, na cual tin un promer premio pa e ganador.

Na anja 1976 Lago tabata e refinaria cu menos desgracia incapacitante den un grupo di refinaria grandi ariba henter mundo di industria petrolera.

Diez-tres bez anterior Lago a gana promer premio den e concursionan organiza door di e Consejo Nacional di Seguridad di Merca, desde cu Lago na 1939 a bira miembro di e Consejo. Pa promer bez esey a socede na 1949 y e mas reciente exitonan tabata na 1975 y 1976. Den e mes periodo di tempo Lago ocupa ocho bez e di dos lugar.

Consejo Nacional di Seguridad di

Merca ta un organizacion cu ta ser dirigi cu fondonan priva completamente no-gubernamental, y e ta un cuerpo publico encargá door di Congreso di Estados Unidos cu trabao y actividadnan destiná pa evita desgracia tanto na trabao como na cas, den cunucu, den tempo liber y durante recreacion.



Lago's 14th first place award from the National Safety Council since 1949.

Lago su di 14 emblema di promer premio di National Safety Council for di 1949.

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J. E. Pompey



D. A. Schmidt



C. E. Lynch

## Pompey, Schmidt, Lynch and Stamper Advance To New Posts in Process-Utilities October 1st

Four promotions were announced in Process - Utilities Division effective October 1, 1977. Julian (Jules) E. Pompey and Daniel (Dan) A. Schmidt advanced to Shift Supervisor, while Gerardo D. Stamper and Charles (Charlie) E. Lynch were promoted to Process Technician. With this promotion, Gerardo and Charlie attained management status.

These promotions are in recognition of their contributions and knowledge of overall utilities operation.

Jules Pompey has over 33 years of service, all of them worked in Process - Utilities, where he started as a Laborer "D" in the Powerhouse on December 13, 1943. Over the years he advanced in the Process Helper categories, becoming Controlman in the Utilities Division in 1952.

A promotion in 1955 made Jules an Assistant Operator. Subsequently, he advanced to Operator in 1960 and acted several times in the position of Shift Foreman before being promoted to Process Technician in 1976.

Jules has taken the Process Training and Kepner-Tregoe courses, and a Diesel Mechanic course.

Off-the-job, Jules enjoys practicing body building in his own mini-gym, and listening to stereo music. He and his wife Ceferina, two sons and two daughters live in San Nicolas. Mr. Jules just returned from a vacation to St. Vincent.

A Lago Vocational School apprentice from 1948 to 1952, Daniel (Dan) A. Schmidt has worked most of these

29 years in Process - Utilities Division. He began as a Process Helper C, advancing to Controlman in 1960 and to Assistant Operator three years later. In 1964, Daniel was promoted to Operator and in 1976 he became



G. D. Stamper

a Process Technician, and worked as coordinator for the construction of No. 6 Boiler.

Daniel has followed the Process Training Course, Tosi Boiler Training, Fire Fighting, Gas Testing and First Aid Courses.

His hobbies are doing auto mechanic work, playing dominoes, baseball and tennis. Dan is an active member of the San Nicolas Veteran Baseball Club and a member of the N.W. I.W.A. Domino team.

Dan and his wife Isabel and three children live in San Nicolas. The Schmidt family is planning to go on a trip to Europe next year.

Charles (Charlie) E. Lynch joined the Company in 1950 as a Lago Vocational School apprentice. After gra-

## Lago Earns First Place in 1976 National Safety Council Contest

Lago once again scored first place in the National Safety Council contest in 1976 through the efforts of its employees and its safety program. This is the second consecutive year that the Company has won the first place award.

In 1976 Lago was the refinery with the lowest number of disabling injuries among a group of seven refineries worldwide.

Lago has earned first place in the annual NSC contests on thirteen previous occasions since it became a member of the Council in 1939. The first time was in 1949 and the most recent prior to 1976 was in 1975. The Company has also won second place eight times during this same period.

The National Safety Council is a privately supported, non-governmental, public service organization charged by the United States Congress for the purpose of preventing accidents on and off the job — in industry, on the farm, at home, on the road and at play.

### Bob Seldomridge

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Houston in 1956.

Bob and his wife Janice have four children: three are attending school in the U.S.A., while the youngest, seven-year-old Jane, is attending the Seroe Colorado School.

Here in Aruba, Bob plans to resume his favorite sports, which are sailing, tennis, golf and skin diving.

duating in 1954, he began working in the Utilities Division where he progressed through the Process Helper categories until becoming Controlman in 1960. In 1962 he advanced to Assistant Operator and two years later to Operator. In recent years he has had several acting assignments as Process Technician.

At Lago, he has followed Process Training and Gas Testing courses and in his spare time he studied Radio & TV from the National Schools and a Stationary Fireman Course from ICS.

Most of Charlie's leisure hours are dedicated to training youngsters in the baseball sport. A coach on the Aruba Little League team in 1975, Charlie had the enormous satisfaction of seeing his "boys" win the Latin American Championship that year.

Charlie lives in San Nicolas with his wife Vivina and daughters Sonia (18), Patricia (17) and son Roy (13).

Gerardo D. Stamper has been with  
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Attending the afternoon sessions are Lago and affiliate supervisors, shown here in Classroom 2 of the Administration Building.



Atendiendo e sesionnan merdia ta supervisoran ■ Lago y compania afiliá, mustrá aki den Klas 2 di Administration Building.



Dan T. Gregg, Instructor of the "Safety in Engineering Design" Course.  
Dan T. Gregg, instructor di e curso.

## Ingenieronan, Supervisoran Ta Sinja Mas di Seguridad Den Curso Disenjo Ingenieria

Cincuenta ingeniero y supervisor tabatin e oportunidad di sinja mas tocante di e aspectonan di seguridad aplicable na trabao den un curso "Safety in Engineering Design" (Seguridad den Disenjo di Ingenieria) cual a ser teni na Lago e luna aki. E curso, cual a ser teni di October 4-7, a ser duná pa Dan T. Gregg di Esso Research & Engineering Company, y a ser coordiná pa Carlos Z. de Cuba di Employee Relations - Training Section.

Esnan cu a atende e curso na Klas 2 di Administration Building tabata ingenieronan y supervisoran di Proceso, Proyecto y Mecánico di Lago y di refinieranan di Jamaica y Nicaragua y EIA na Coral Gables, Florida.

E curso a ser dividí den dos parti. Sesionnan di mainta di tres hora y mei a ser teni pa e ingenieronan, y ■ cubri consideracionnan actual di disenjo den detalle, mientras cu sesionnan atardi conducí especialmente pa supervisoran, a pone énfasis ariba  
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## Engineers and Supervisors of Lago and Affiliates Get Hints in Course on Safety in Refinery Design

Fifty engineers and supervisors had the opportunity to learn more about the safety aspects applicable to design work in the refinery and to improve their safety-consciousness on the job in a "Safety in Engineering Design" course held here this month. The course, which was held from October 4 — 7, was taught by Dan T. Gregg of Esso Research & Engineering Company, and was coordinated by Carlos Z. de Cuba of Employee Relations Training Section.

Those attending the course in Classroom 2 of the Administration Building were Process, Project and Mechanical Engineers and Supervisors from Lago and from the Jamaica and Nicaragua refineries and EIA in Coral Gables, Florida.

The course was divided into two parts. Three-and-a-half hour morning sessions were held for engineers, and covered actual design considerations in detail, while afternoon sessions conducted especially for supervisors, stressed actual plant examples illustrating effective and/or poor regard for safety in design.

Instructor of the course, Dan T. Gregg is no stranger to Lago. A Safety Engineer in ER&E's Technology Department, Fire Protection and Safety Section, he has conducted several safety surveys of Lago's facilities over the years and has taught a similar course in engineering design here in 1975.

The course, which he taught this time, was chiefly concentrated on Section IV of the Design Practices Manual "Safety in Plant Design", and offered participants the opportunity for open discussion on their own experiences related to job safety.

This mutual discussion and exchange of personal experiences on their job situations proved very meaningful to course participants. Topics discussed included: principles of safety in design, pressure relief, emergency facilities, fireproofing, and handling hazardous process streams.

The various phases of refinery safety were further demonstrated with vu-graphs, slide presentations and four movies, titled: "Fire at Signal Hill", "Danger Air", "Danger Water" and "Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosion".

The course participants also received handouts and a safety manual which will serve them as excellent reference material to help them go about their daily duties in a safe and efficient manner.

The "Safety in Engineering Design" course is one of the many ways that Lago strives to maintain safety on the job and protection to all working in the refinery.



Morning sessions acquaint engineers with safe aspects of refinery engineering designs.



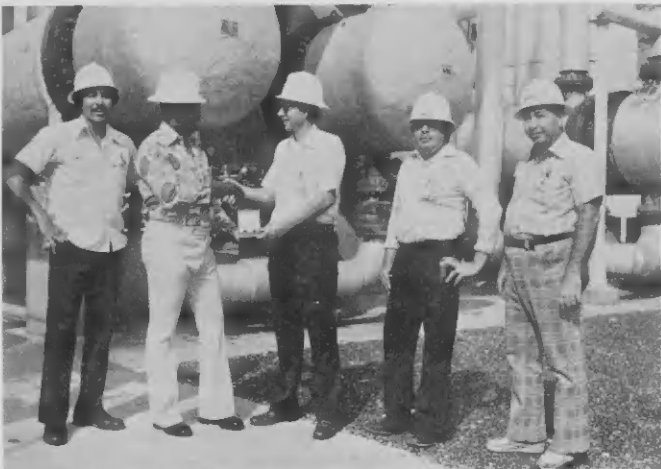
# Long-Service Award Recipients in September



Juan Krozendijk of Mechanical - Metal Trades is presented his 25-year service watch on the occasion of his anniversary.



Two of the large groups of employees who celebrated their 30th service anniversary on September 2 and 3, respectively.



Renold T. James of Process - HDS here receives his 25-year service watch on September 8.



A 30-year service award recipient here is Juan Werleman (2nd left) of Process - HDS. His anniversary was Sept. 3.



At far left, George H. Richardson, Mechanical - Machinist (3rd r) receives his 25-year service watch on September 15. At left, Leonard F. Hartmann (center) receives his service watch.



← A large group of employees who were awarded their 25-year service watch on September 22, is shown at far left. At left another group of 25-year service watch recipients.

## Hartmut Elmont and Rudolf Koopmans Join Lago's Technical Department as Engineers

Hartmut Elmont and Rudolf (Rudy) Koopmans were both employed on October 1, 1977 as Engineers in Lago's Technical - Mechanical Engineering Division.

Hartmut has a Civil Engineering Degree from the H.T.S. in Groningen, Holland. He will be assigned primarily with civil engineering-type problems in the Engineering Technical Services Section.

A 1965 MULO-B graduate from the Marnix School of Curaçao, he obtained his M.T.S. diploma at the M.T.S. in Groningen in 1969 and his Civil Engineering degree in 1975.



H. Elmont

His previous work experience includes two years at the Public Works at Parera, Curaçao, and as a teacher for a government-sponsored M.T.S. evening course.

In his free time, Hartmut likes fishing in his 14-ft. boat, playing football and volleyball. Hartmut and his wife Inez live in Seroe Colorado.

Rudy obtained his Mechanical Engineering degree at the H.T.S. in Dordrecht, Holland, in 1976. He has been assigned to the Engineering Technical Services Section where he will be handling mechanical engineering contact assignments.

A MULO-B graduate from H. J. A. Schroederschool, Rudy obtained his M.T.S. diploma at the Catholic M.T.S. in Curaçao in 1967. After graduating from the M.T.S., Rudy worked as Technical Administrator for the Curaçao Mining Company from 1967 to 1969 and as Supervisor for Antillean Construction (ANCO) from 1969 to 1970. Most recently, after obtaining his Mechanical Engineering degree he worked since November 1976 as Project Engineer for Wescar N.V.

Rudy and his wife Jody live in Seroe Colorado.



R. Koopmans

### Safety in Engineering

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ehemplonan actual di planta ilustrando eficacia y/of poco consideracion pa seguridad den disenjo.

Instructor di e curso, Dan T. Gregg no ta ningun persona stranjo na Lago. Un Ingeniero di Seguridad na ER&E su Departamento Tecnológico, Seccion di Proteccion pa Candela y Seguridad, el a conduci varios investigacionnan y estudio di seguridad di Lago su facilidadnan durante anjanan pasá y el a duna un curso similar di disenjo di ingeniería aki na 1975.

E curso, cual el a duna e biaha aki, tabata principalmente concentrá ariba Seccion IV di e "Design Practices Manual", "Safety in Plant Design" (Seguridad den Disenjo di Planta) y a ofrece participantes e oportunidad di charlanan abierto tocante di nan propio experiencianan relacioná cu seguridad na trabao.

E varios fasenan di seguridad den refinera a keda adicionalmente demostrá cu vu-graphs, presentacion di "slides" y cuatro película, entitulá: "Fire at Signal Hill", "Danger Air", "Danger Water" y "Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosion".

Participantenan den e curso tambe a recibi foyeto y un manual di seguridad cual lo sirbi nan como excelente material di referencia pa yuda nan haci nan trabaonon diario den un manera mas sigur y eficaz.

E curso "Safety in Engineering Design" ta uno di e hopi maneranan cu Lago ta lucha pa mantene seguridad na trabao y proteccion pa tur esnan cu ta traha den refinera.

### Semeleer, Emanuels Advance in Mechanical

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to Building Tradesman A). Vicente has acted various times in the position of supervisor before his promotion, and is currently assigned on the Pipestill 5 turnaround.

He has followed courses in Modern Supervisory Principles, Organization Development Lab., and most recently the Safety in Engineering Design Course. On his own, he took an ICS Architectural Drawing and Design Course for which he has a certificate, and followed a Carpentry and Drawing course at the John F. Kennedy School.

A co-founder and former board member of the Centro di Barrio Noord, he is now honorary member of the club. In his spare time he enjoys playing dominoes or doing carpentry work as a hobby. He also enjoys traveling very much and has visited Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo, Miami and San Andres Island.

Vicente and his Costa Rican wife Carmen, have two sons, Mervin (19) and Alvaro (15). The Semeleers live at Washington, Noord.

Max has worked all of his 29 years

of Lago service in the electrical field in the Mechanical Department where he began as a Laborer in February 1948. After progressing through the electrician helper and electrician categories he became an Electrician A in 1956. This title was changed to Equipment Tradesman A in 1967.

Since 1970, Max has worked his way up in the electrical coordination functions and has had assignments as acting area supervisor and acting mechanical supervisor. In 1972 he was transferred to the Contract Execution Zone where he was promoted to Engineering Assistant. In this position he has had responsibility for all electrical and instrumentation contracted project work.

A native of Suriname, Max took courses in electricity, motors and housewiring and held several jobs there before coming to Aruba. Here at Lago, he has taken the Basic Course for Electricians, Principles of Work Directions, Relay Testing from Multi-Amp Corporation and the Critical Path Method. On his own time in 1953, Max followed a Practical Electrician Course from the I.C.S.

In his spare time, Max enjoys fishing, working in his garden, and watch-

ing football and boxing matches. Max and his wife Jacqueline have two sons: Clifford, who is married and lives in Holland, and Robert, who is a teacher at the Pieter Boer School.

The Emanuels live at Congoweg in San Nicolas.

Ken Brook and Omar Booi (sitting) discuss engineering careers at the Colegio Arubano sessions.

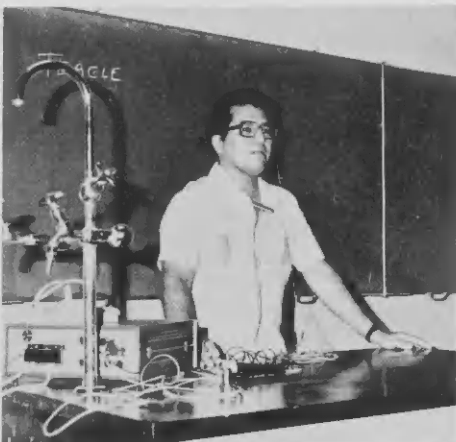


Ken Brook y Omar Booi (sintá) ta cubri careranan di ingeniería den sesionnan na Colegio Arubano



María Maduro's discussion on business administration gets full attention.

María Maduro su discusión tocante di administración comercial ta haya atención.



Carlos de Cuba handled questions on scholarship application procedures.

Carlos de Cuba a trata preguntanan tocante aplicacionnan pa beca.

## Informational Sessions Held at Colegio Arubano Help Students Select a Professional Career

At some time or the other during the final years of their secondary education, students are confronted with a very important decision in their lives: "What profession shall I choose? If I select a certain study, will I be able to pursue it? Is the preparation (or study package) which I have selected compatible with my choice of career?"

Although the Colegio Arubano has counselors available to help students decide on a career — based on their ability, personality and I.Q. tests — these students need to be exposed to the experience of professional people to obtain first-hand information on this crucial matter.

The Colegio Arubano faculty, re-

cognizing this need, has for the past years held yearly informational sessions for students and their parents. This way they have come in personal contact with island professionals in various fields to discuss educational and professional requirements.

As in the past, Lago was represented in these panel discussions.

Participants were chemical engineers Ken Brook and Omar Booi, Accountant María Maduro, and Training Section Head Carlos Z. de Cuba.

They were among the sixty panel members invited to participate in the sessions which covered a total of twenty-four careers, ranging from medicine, physics and tourism to agriculture, law and technology.

Ken and Omar oriented the students on technical education available in Holland and the U.S.A., María discussed business administration, while Carlos and government panel members provided vital information on the application of scholarships, advising on the selection of U.S. and Dutch universities and explaining the various tests and requirements needed for admission to these colleges.

The informational sessions were held at the Colegio Arubano classrooms on Tuesday, September 29, with panel members participating in one, two or three one-hour sessions between 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Students attending the sessions were those in the top three classes of the H.A.V.O. and the four top classes of the V.W.O. curriculum. The H.A.V.O. diploma is the basic requirement toward a higher non-university education, while the V.W.O. diploma gives access to a university or other advanced institute.

## Sesionnan Informativo na Colegio Arubano Teni Pa Yuda Estudiantes Scohe Carera Profesional

Ta yega un tempo durante e ultimo anjanan di nan educacion secundario, cu estudiantenan ta confrontá cu un decision mashá importante den nan vida: "Ki profesion lo mi scohe? Si mi selecta un cierto estudio, lo mi por siguielo? E preparacion of studie pakket cu mi a scohe ta di acuerdo cu e seleccion di mi carera?"

Aunque cu Colegio Arubano tin conseheronan disponible pa yuda estudiantenan decidi ariba un carera — basá ariba nan habilidad, personalidad y testnan di inteligencia — e estudiantenan aki mester keda exponi na e experiencia di personanan profesional pa haya informacion directo ariba e asunto decisivo aki.

E facultad di Colegio Arubano, reconociendo e necesidad aki, durante e ultimo anjanan anualmente a tene sesionnan informativo pa estudiantenan y nan mayornan. Di e manera aki nan a bini en contacto personal cu profesionalnan den varios ra-

mo ariba nos isla pa papia tocante di requerimientonan educativo y profesional.

Manera den pasado, Lago a ser representá den e discusionnan den grupo aki. Participantenan tabata ingenieronan químico Ken Brook y Omar Booi, Accountant María Maduro, y Hefe di Seccion di Entrenamento Carlos Z. de Cuba. Nan tabata entre e sesenta miembronan di panel (grupo di discusion) cu a ser invitá na e sesionnan aki cual a cubri un total di binti-cuatro carera, for di medicina, fisica y turismo pa agricultura, ley y tecnologia.

Ken y Omar a orienta e estudiantenan ariba educacion técnico obtenible na Hulanda y Merca, María a papia tocante di administracion comercial, mientras cu Carlos y miembronan di panel di gobierno a duna informacionnan vital tocante di aplicacion pa beca, consehando nan tocante di e seleccion di universidadnan tanto

na Merca como na Hulanda y dunando splicacion tocante di e varios testnan y requerimientonan necesario pa  
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# Fabian S. Francis Hosted at Farewell-Retirement Party September 23rd



Benny Sloterdijk of Controller's - MCS gives Fabian a welcoming embrace at the Esso Club.



Greeting Fabian here is Controller Steve Macmanus. At left, Vice President John Gibbs, at right, Jim Brook of Security.



Here Fabian reminisces over the past 35 years he has been with Lago.



With his former LVS students



At the beautifully decorated table, with the girls



Fabian with part of the Employee Relations Staff



A chat with Jim Brooks, E. R. Manager Don Studebaker, Vice President Roy Douglas and President Lee Raymond.



Incoming E R. Manager Don Studebaker and his predecessor.



Hello . . . . and goodbye to new employees, recent college graduates.



Showing appreciation for lovely music by Tony Thijssen and his Conquistadores.



A new roof solves a big problem.  
Un dak nobo ta resolve un problema grandi.



Young, able and willing hands.  
Mannan hoben, capaz y cu deseo di traha.

## "Drecha Cas" Foundation: A Constructive Organization in More Ways than One

Everybody has the right to live in a house which can shelter him from wind, sun, rain and insects. This basic human right, however, is not possible for everyone due to lack of resources. Nowadays, those who depend on Government welfare, a pension income, the aged, those physically or mentally handicapped, and women living alone on a small income, can now all hope to receive assistance in this problem of vital importance, thanks to the "Drecha Cas" (Home Repairs) Foundation.

The conditions for assistance are:

1. the owner of the house must be living in it;
2. members of the household should cooperate in repair work.

This non-profit foundation, whose president is Lago engineer Reimundo Barros of Process - Fuels Division, was originated by the Catholic clergy in 1974. The idea came about after hearing from the experiences in Belgium and other countries which help less fortunate people live in better conditions.

Using the slogan "Help Us Help Others", a fund-raising campaign began with a collection at all churches during Lent of 1974 of which Fls. 4,400 went to the new foundation. Industrial and commercial firms and also volunteers contributed via the banks and donated material. Later on, a "sticker" action brought in some more funds to assist with the ever-growing expenses as requests for help increased. A significant contribution was the proceeds from the sale of the book "Savaneta Antes y Awor" (Savaneta Then and Now) by Fahter van Veen, at that time Pastor at Savaneta.

By the time the foundation was officially established by notarial act in February 1975, the foundation had already helped in three cases.

Besides Rei Barros as president, "Drecha Cas" has the valuable cooperation of the following members: Lorenzo Ruiz (treasurer); Father G. van Veen, Michael Wouters (a Lago employee), Rudolf Bernabela, Eli Thijssen, a teacher at the Tarabana Technical School; Roland Lough, an

American retiree who lives half of the year in Aruba, and a group of young volunteers. (One of the pioneers of the foundation was the late Floriano Geerman, a former Lago Mechanical Supervisor, who passed away last year).

The active group, along with students from the John F. Kennedy School, Martin Luther King School and Tarabana Technical School, work under direction of qualified leaders. They dedicate almost every Saturday to the re-conditioning of houses badly in need of repair. What can be fixed is repaired, but what is beyond repair is replaced with new or semi-used material. That is why the foundation must continuously buy material such as zinc roof plates, lumber, nails, paint, etc.

"Drecha Cas" makes all repairs which are strictly necessary, and contrary to what some people think, they do not install tiles and other luxuries which were not previously part of the house.

There was one case, where "Drecha Cas" members found it necessary to set up a "labor camp" in a barrack during eight days to practically completely rebuild a wooden house at Santa Cruz. The house, which was a total ruin, was provided with all basic necessities for the owner — an elderly lady — to live in.

The members of the foundation, being all volunteers, work without any compensation. In addition to helping those who are unable to help themselves, "Drecha Cas" affords young people the opportunity to become involved in the social problems of the community, in a spirit of cooperation and consideration for their

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### Four Advance in Utilities

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the Company since 1948 when he enrolled in the Lago Vocational School. After graduating, he was assigned to Process - Utilities where he has remained all these years. Gerardo moved up gradually in the Process Helper categories, advancing to Controlman in 1959, and to Assistant Operator in 1963.

An Operator since 1965, Gerardo has acted in the position of Process Technician and Shift Foreman several times.

He has followed the Utilities Ope-

ration, Process Training and Gas Testing courses.

His hobbies include practicing his skills in carpentry in his own home and joining his wife to cultivate plants in their garden. He also enjoys watching soccer and baseball games. Gerardo loves to travel and has visited several countries in South America. On his next vacation he plans to visit Quito, Ecuador for the second time. He and his wife Cynthia and daughters Antonia (13) and Sonia (12) live in Zeewijk, San Nicolas.



## Fundacion "Drecha Cas": Un Organizacion Constructivo den Tur Sentido

Tur hende tin derecho di biba den un cas cu ta protehele di biento, solo, awacero y insecto. E derecho humano basico aki, sinembargo, no ta posibel pa tur hende pa falta di recursonan.

Awendia, esnan cu ta depende di onderstand, pension, esnan cu edad avanza, esnan físicamente of mentalmente incapacitá, of muhernan cu ta biba so ariba un entrada chikito, awor tur tin speranza di haya yudanza den e problema di vital importancia aki, danki na e Fundacion "Drecha Cas." E condicionnan pa haya yudanza ta:

1. e donjo di e cas mester ta biba den dje;
2. miembronan den cas mester coopera den e trabao.

E fundacion aki cu ta traha sin ganashi, kende su president ta ingeniero di Lago, Reimundo Barros di Process - Fuels Division, a ser originá na 1974 door di clero católico. E idea a surgi for di experiencianan hayá for di Bélgica y otro paisnan cu ta yuda esnan menos afortuná biba den mehor condicionnan.

Bao di e lema "Yuda Nos Yuda Otro", un campanja pa recauda fondo a cuminsa cu coleccionan na misa durante cuaresma 1974 y di esey Fls. 4,400 a bai pa e fundacion nobo. Industria y comercio, y tambe volunta-

rionan a contribui cu donacionnan via banconan y cu material.

Despues, un accion di "sticker" a yuda nan cu e gastonan creciente segun peticion pa yudanza tabata aumenta. Un contribucion significante tabata e ganashi di e venta di e buki "Savaneta Antes y Awor" di Pastoor van Veen, e tempo ey Pastoor na Savaneta.

Pa dia cu e fundacion a keda establecí oficialmente pa un acta notarial na Februari 1975, e fundacion ya caba ■ yuda den tres caso.

Ademas di Rei Barros como presidente, "Drecha Cas" ta conta cu e valioso cooperacion di e siguiente miembronan: Lorenzo Ruiz (tesorero); Pastoor G. van Veen, Michael Wouters (empleado di Lago), Rudolf Bernabela, Eli Thijssen, maestro na Tarabana Technische School; Roland Lough, un pensionista Americano cu ta biba mitar anja na Aruba, y un grupo 61 voluntarios hoben. (Uno di e pioneronan di e fundacion tabata difunto Floriano Geerman, anteriormente Mechanical Supervisor na Lago, kende a fayece anja pasá.)

E grupo activo aki, cu estudiantes di John F. Kennedy School, Martin Luther King School y Tarabana Technische School, ta traha bao direccion di lidernan experto. Nan ta dedica casi tur nan Diasabra na drechamento di casnan cu mester di reparacion. Loque por ser drechá ta ser drechá loque ta den mal condicion ta ser reemplazá cu nobo of poco usá. Ta p'esey e fundacion constantemente mester cumpira material manera plaachi di zinc, palu, clabo, verf, etc. "Drecha Cas" ta haci tur reparacion cu ta necesario, y contrario na loque tin hende ta kere, nan no ta instala azuleho of otro cosnan di luho cu e cas no tabatin anteriormente.

Tabatin un caso, caminda "Drecha Cas" a haya necesario pa forma un campamento den un barak durante 8 dia pa casi completamente reconstrui un cas di tabla na Santa Cruz. E cas, cual tabata un ruina completo, a haya tur loque ta necesario pa su donjo, — un senjora di edad — por biba aden.

Miembronan di e fundacion, siendo voluntario, ta traha sin recompensa. Ademas di yuda esnan cu no por yuda nan mes, "Drecha Cas" ta duna e hobennan aki e oportunidad di envolbe nan mes den problemanan social di comunidad, den un espiritu di cooperacion y consideracion pa nan próhimo. Nan satisfaccion mas grandi ta di ser util y yuda esnan den necesidad. Ta p'esey "Drecha Cas" ta haci un apelacion na tur persona di bon voluntad pa yuda nan den e esfuerzo valioso aki cual ta cubri un necesidad crítico den nos comunidad. Aparte di e gruponan di hobennan, personanan cu pension y cu experiencia di trabao lo ta mashá util pa supervisa e trabao y p'esey nan ta bonbiná na e grupo di voluntarios.

Yudanza por bini tambe via un deposito na banco of un contribucion mensual ariba cuenta di "Drecha Cas" na e banconan local, of door di regala material usá.

Desde cu nan a establece, fundacion "Drecha Cas" a logra drecha diez-un cas ariba nos isla, seis di nan durante 1976. Tambe nan a inspira otronan den varios distrito — manera Savaneta — pa haci trabao nan similar den nan mes distrito. "Drecha Cas" lo duna tur equipo y material necesario na e sub-divisionnan di distrito interesá pa haci e trabao aki nan mes, si nan traha segun e standardnan di fundacion "Drecha

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Rey Barros, not only works ■ the top of the organization, but also on top of a roof. Rey Barros, no solamente ariba den e organizacion, sino ariba un dak pa traha tambe.



Technical school students exchange time, efforts and concern for practical work experience.

Estudiantenan di school tecnico cambiando tempo, esfuerzo y interes pa experiencia practico den trabao.



Vice President Roy M. Douglas presents a Lago donation to Sister Parvula, Chairman of the Imelda Hof Foundation in the presence of the Directress of the Imelda Hof Orphanage at Noord, Sister Brigitte, and Lago P. A. Manager Milton H. Henriquez on October 19.



Accepting a Lago donation from Vice President Roy M. Douglas is Mrs. Utahna Barros, Directress of Casa Cuna. The donation is to help Casa Cuna continue its social work for the benefit of Aruba's neglected youth. Also at the ceremony on October 19, are P. A. Manager M. H. Henriquez, and Wilkinson Leslie, Building Adviser of Casa Cuna.

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fellowmen. Their greatest satisfaction is to be useful and helpful to others in need. That is why "Drecha Cas" Foundation appeals to all persons of good will to assist them in this worthwhile effort which fills a critical need in the community. Aside from the younger groups, retired people with experience would be very helpful in the supervision of the younger ones at work and are therefore very welcome to the ranks of volunteers.

Assistance can also be through a one-time deposit or a fixed monthly contribution on the account of "Drecha Cas" at the local banks, or by donating surplus material.

Since their establishment, "Drecha Cas" foundation has managed to repair eleven houses on the island, six of them during 1976. They have also

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ser admiti na e colegio of universidadnan aki.

E sesionnan informativo a ser teni den klasnan na Colegio Arubano ariba Diahuebs, 29 di September, cu miembronan di panel participando den uno, dos of tres sesion di un hora cada uno entre 6:30 p.m. pa 10:30 p.m.

Estudiantenan cu a atende e sesionnan aki tabata esnan den e tres top klasnan di H.A.V.O. y e cuatro top klasnan di V.W.O.

E diploma H.A.V.O. ta un requerimiento básico pa alcanza un educacion mas halto no-universitario, mientras cu e diploma di V.W.O. ta duna acceso na un universidad of otro instituto avanzá.

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Cas".

E directiva di "Drecha Cas" recientemente a haya un gran satisfaccion ora cu Gobierno Hulandes a reconoce nan esfuerzonan door di haci un donacion di Fls. 37.500 pa yuda nan den nan plannan di reparacion. Cu e fondonan aki lo ta posible pa dre-

cha diez-cinco cas — cual ta e casonan mas urgente — ariba nan lista largo.

Fundacion "Drecha Cas" ta afiliá na organizacionnan similar na Europa, y awor, hunto cu Curaçao, Surinam y Venezuela, nan tin plan pa organiza den Caribe.

inspired people in the various districts of Aruba, such as Savaneta, to carry out similar work in their own area.

"Drecha Cas" will supply all necessary equipment and material to the district sub-groups interested to do the work themselves, provided they meet the standards of "Drecha Cas" Foundation.

The Board of "Drecha Cas" recently had a great satisfaction when the Dutch Government acknowledged their efforts by granting a donation

of Fls. 37.500 to help them in their house repair plans for the less fortunate ones in our community.

With these funds, it will be possible to repair 15 houses — the most urgent cases — on their long list of requests.

"Drecha Cas" foundation is affiliated with similar organizations in Europe, and now, together with Curaçao, Suriname and Venezuela, plan to form an organization in the Caribbean area.



The Board of "Drecha Cas" Foundation during a recent meeting at the Oranjestad Parish, are here from left to right: Michael Wouters, Lorenzo Ruiz, Rudolf Bernabela, Father G. van Veen and President Reimundo Barros.

E Directiva di Fundacion "Drecha Cas" durante un reciente reunion na Pastorie na Oranjestad aki (di robes pa drech): Michael Wouters, Lorenzo Ruiz, Rudolf Bernabela, Pastoor G. van Veen y President Reimundo Barros.